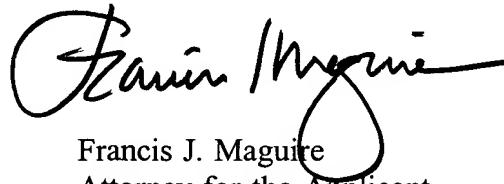


REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of December 11, 2003 in which claims 10-16 were allowed, claim 1 rejected and claims 2-9 objected to. Claim 1 has been cancelled and its limitations incorporated in objected-to claims 2, 3 and 5, without prejudice to applicant's right to refile claim 1 in a continuation. Allowance of claims 2-16 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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